

**REMARKS**

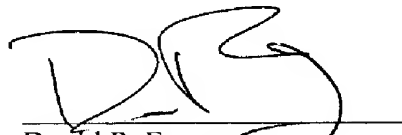
Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-6 are hereby canceled by this Amendment without prejudice or disclaimer. As this Amendment simplified the issues for appeal, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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